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In re Patent Application of) Eugénie CHARRIERE et al Group Art Unit: 1711 Application No.: 09/744,686 Examiner: R. Sergent Filed: March 23, 2001 Confirmation No.: 3078 For: **MIXED MASKED** (POLY)ISOCYANATES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued February 4, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. RECEIVED

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following Abstract:

A composition of at least partially masked isocyanates. The isocyanates are masked by at least two different masking agents, selected such that in the octanol test at 110°C, the ratio: D = percentage in equivalents of masking agents unblocking first at 110°C / percentage in equivalents of masking agents unblocking last at 110°C, is greater than 4/3, advantageously greater then 1.5, preferably greater than 2. When a masking